

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS DO NOT GET MUCH BETTER WITH GREAT CELERITY

Mails Are Stopped in St. Petersburg and Communication by Wire Remains Closed Throughout the Empire.

DIRECT SUFFRAGE IS REFUSED BUT DELEGATED

Suffrage Will Be Practically Universal--More Troops Have Mutinied--Martial Law Removed From Poland--Witte Still Remains Hopeful.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Telegraphic communication with St. Petersburg has been restored, the state department having received a routine message from Mr. Eddy, charge d'affaires, this morning.

FINLAND OPERATORS ALSO JOIN TELEGRAPHIC STRIKE.
Stockholm, Dec. 1.—Advices received here say that the telegraphers of Finland have joined the strike of the Russian operators. The Associated Press is informed from London that the Great Northern Telegraph company's lines in Finland are still working.

GOVERNMENT POWERLESS TO OPEN COMMUNICATION.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—The crisis continues. The telegraph tie-up throughout Russia is practically complete and the government does not know what is happening in the interior of the empire. Embassies of the strikers have been sent to Finland to induce their companions to join the strike. This would cut off the cable communication, which remains open to the press and government, although the central office here is nominally closed. As much as the government would like to resist, it is powerless.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE IS TO BE IN SECOND DEGREE.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—Late this afternoon the outlook for improvement in the situation, which would give the government an opportunity to catch its breath was somewhat brighter. The danger of an immediate general strike is considered to be practically averted as the result of a three-cornered negotiation between Premier Witte, the emperor and the workmen, by which it was decided that both the government and private establishments, which are now closed, shall be reopened. The law governing election to the duma assembly is now practically completed. The pre-

mier hopes that it will aid the situation. The measure will be a compromise. Direct suffrage is not granted, but the suffrage will virtually be universal in the second degree.

BANKERS ARE NOW MORE ENCOURAGED AT OUTLOOK.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—A frightened public continued to unload stock on the Bourse today, but the bankers, in view of the better outlook, took the offerings and prevented a bad break, although imperial fairs closed one-half point down.

MUTINY IS SPREADING AMONG ARMY REGIMENTS.
Berlin, Dec. 1.—A special from Eydtkuhnen, on the eastern frontier of Eastern Prussia, says that the Eighth regiment of Russian dragoons has been in a state of mutiny since yesterday, threatening death to their officers unless the pay of the men is raised. Another dispatch from Warsaw says that the Fourteenth regiment of dragoons at Ostroleka, Russian Poland, has mutinied.

EMPEROR GETS ACTIVE AND RESTORES CIVIL LAW.
Warsaw, Dec. 1.—The emperor today signed a decree abolishing martial law in Russian Poland.

DELIVERY OF MAILS IS ALSO STOPPED.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—The delivery of all mail was stopped in St. Petersburg this morning.

MANUFACTURERS MOVING OUT OF LODZ DISTRICT.
Warsaw, Dec. 1.—No newspapers are being delivered here today. The authorities have informed the telegraph and postal employees that they will be dismissed if they do not resume work. The situation is so bad in the Lodz district that many foreign factories have closed down and are handing over their buildings and machinery to the care of the authorities prior to leaving the country.

THE WILEY TURK STILL SPARRING FOR TIME WITH THE POWERS

Athens, Dec. 1.—A Russian torpedo boat destroyer arrived here today. Her commander, in an interview, said that the Turkish government of the island of Mytilene yesterday presented to Rear Admiral Vonjedina, commander of the international fleet, an official dispatch from Constantinople, in which it was stated that the powers for the financial control of Macedonia, with modifications. The admiral replied, according to the Russian officer, that if by Sunday at mid-

day, the ports had not definitely accepted the demands, the international fleet would occupy the islands of Lemnos and Imbros.

FRANCE HAS ADVICE THAT TURKEY WILL ACCEPT.
Paris, Dec. 1.—Advices received by the foreign office here indicate that Turkey is going to yield to the demands of the powers for the financial control of Macedonia. The international fleet has not been ordered to leave the island of Mytilene.

OHIO TEACHERS ARE SWAPPING NEW IDEAS

Canal Dover, O., Dec. 1.—The thirty-fifth annual session of the Eastern Ohio Teachers' Association opened here today with a large attendance. At the opening session Prof. F. P. Geiger, of this city, who is chairman of the executive committee, welcomed the delegates and Prof. Hawkins of Mingo Junction, made the response. Superintendent Maurer of New Philadelphia delivered the inaugural address. The convention will be in session two days and among the speakers are E. A. State School Commissioner E. A. Jones, W. H. Boyd of Columbus, J. L. McDonald of Wellsville, J. V. McMillen of Marietta, Hon. O. T. Corson of Columbus, President Fisher of West Lafayette College, L. E. Evers of Uhrsville, and others. There will be another session this evening and the closing session tomorrow morning.

CHINESE STATESMEN AND IMPORTERS ARRIVE

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 1.—With the Pacific steamer Daifu, which arrived here today a delegation of thirty-two Chinese statesmen and importers came to the United States to urge concessions to Chinese merchants and students in the new treaty to be negotiated between the United States and China. The delegation includes a number of highly prominent merchants and representatives of the guilds, and it is expected that they will be able to bring considerable pressure upon congress.

TENNESSEE RAILROAD DIVIDED BETWEEN TWO

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 1.—The transfer of the eastern section of the Tennessee Central to the Southern railroad and of the Western section to the Illinois Central took place today, and it is understood the work of improving the two sections will be begun at once.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 1.—Wool market steady and unchanged.

ANTEDILUVIAN RAH-RAHS



(This picture shows the students of the Stone Hatchet college testing a freshman for a place on the 'Varsity' football team. Thus was education advanced even in prehistoric times.)

SURE FIGHT TO FINISH WITH THE ODDS AGAINST ROOSEVELT

Railroads and Their Senators Defy President and Public Opinion on Subject of Rate Legislation, With No Sign of Compromise.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Nothing is known at the white house on the eve of the opening of congress which would point to a compromise of the fight over rate legislation. From the indications now manifest the fight will be to a finish.

There will be two reports from the senate committee. The one recommended by the president will be supported by Senators Cullom, Dooliver, Clapp, Newlands, Tillman and Carmack.

The other report will recommend a similar bill, except that it will provide for Senator Foraker's remedy for rate evils—namely, review by the federal circuit courts. It will be supported by Senators Elkins, Aldrich, Foraker, Keane, Foster and possibly Millard.

There is one point on which the administration and the railways are diametrically opposed to one another, and on which there seems to be no possibility for agreement. This is the proposal to give a commission power to deal with the rate.

This point is held by President Roosevelt to be the crux of the whole situation. Everything else is secondary and comparatively unimportant.

The railway interests also agree that all the other matters are secondary, and are willing to concede them, hence the deadlock.

Can the president force the United States senate? No. Answering the question in the light of past experience, it must be confessed that in all probability he cannot. Considering the fact that the members of the senate who are opposing the administration are the senate leaders; considering the fact that the railway interests are represented in the senate by Nelson W. Aldrich, leader of the senate ring, and by those members who make up what is known as the "senate committee"; and considering the weight of senatorial inertia and the tricks and turns by which legislation may be defeated, it is hard to believe that they will not be able to maintain their record of having their sweet will and the public be d-d.

Will the railway interests dare to defeat the administration's rate program, in view of the recent political happenings, in the light of the growth of government ownership sentiment, and in the face of the almost certainty that the next presidential campaign will be fought on a platform which will have government ownership of railways as its principal plank?

Apparently they do, and will dare. This matter was put squarely to the man who, in Washington, is recognized as the head and front of the railway lobby. He replied:

"The question amounts to this: Are the railway interests frightened at the threat which President Roosevelt himself has made of 'something worse' in case this plan is defeated? I would answer soberly and after the fullest consideration, no."

"Admitting that the supposition is correct, admitting that the next presidential campaign is to divide the country on issues of radicalism and conservatism, government ownership of railways and private freedom of property, I still say that the alternative is to be preferred to the one which we are asked to accept in this legislation. The railway interests do not fear such a campaign."

"We feel no doubt as to the outcome. In any issue which may be made between ultra radicalism and conservatism, the latter will win. The cities may fly off the handle, but the farmers won't, and they outvote the cities."

COLLEGE STIRRED UP ON ATHLETE CONTESTS

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 1.—The question of colleges and universities allowing any students to compete in an intercollegiate athletic contest until he has completed one year's work will be thoroughly considered and discussed at the meeting of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland, which opened at St. John's College today. President Fell of St. John's College delivered the opening address. Other addresses were delivered by Prof. Ross Rhoads of Rochester University, president of the association; Prof. James T. Young of the University of Pennsylvania; Prof. Basil L. Gildersleeve and Jacob H. Hollander of the Johns Hopkins University; Prof. Victor H. Long of the University of Michigan; Prof. Eugene Smith of Columbia University, and others. This evening Governor and Mrs. Warfield will give a reception in honor of the delegates.

PHILIPPINE GOVERNOR WON'T RETURN THERE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—It is quite generally understood in official circles that Governor General Luke E. Wright of the Philippines and president of the Philippines Commission, who has started for the United States on a six months' leave of absence, will not resume his office after the expiration of his leave. It is understood that he will return to Memphis, Tenn., to resume his practice of law. The cause of his retirement is said to be his dissatisfaction with some of the recent plans of the government in regard to the Philippines.

BUSINESS RUN ON CHURCH LINES

Does Not Prove More Successful in Mexico Than Elsewhere.

SWAMPS BIG BANK DOWN THERE

Mexico City, Dec. 1.—The Catholic banking institution, operating under an Arizona charter, and at the outset patronized by the clergy, who it is said, withdrew their deposits some time ago, has closed its doors. There was no run on the bank, which refused to do business pending the appointment of a receiver. It is said that the bank has some \$500,000 in deposits, mostly of the poorer class of people, who were attracted by the name.

ENGLAND'S QUEEN IS SIXTY-ONE TODAY

London, Dec. 1.—Queen Alexandra's sixty-first birthday is generally observed in all parts of Great Britain and the colonies today. All public and many other buildings are decorated with flags, and the ships in all British harbors are flying the national flag. Early this morning all the church bells in this city pealed forth their greetings and the guns at the military and naval stations fired a royal salute.

The king and queen spent the day in comparative quiet, at Sandringham. The queen received many valuable presents and hundreds of letters and telegrams of congratulation from all parts of the world. As usual the queen received the school children of the estate and they presented her with flowers. There was no official program for the celebration of the day. The lord mayor of London sent special congratulations on behalf of the citizens of London and the queen sent him a gracious message in reply.

ACCIDENTS AND CALAMITIES ON LAND AND ESPECIALLY ON SEA

Steel Steamers Suffer Greatly on the Lakes Where Snow Storms Prevented Correct Steering. Fatalities in East and West.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 1.—Two persons were killed and about a dozen others injured in a wreck of the Philadelphia express on the Central railroad of New Jersey, last night, near Penn Haven Junction, some 100 miles north of Philadelphia. The dead are: Fireman Rury and an extra fireman named Perry.

According to Engineer Willis, who was among the injured, the engine left the track on a curve.

STEEL STEAMER BREAKS, BUT CREW IS SAVED

Northport, Mich., Dec. 1.—The steel steamer, Vega, is a total wreck on Fox Island, at the foot of Lake Michigan. The crew of nineteen men was taken off by Indian fishermen and brought here last night. The Vega ran onto Fox Island during a heavy snow storm and shortly afterwards broke in half.

STEEL BARGE FOUNDERS DROWNING CREW OF FOUR

Boston, Dec. 1.—The foundering of the new steel barge Delawanna and the loss of four lives was reported today by the tug Straton, which had been towing the Delawanna. The barge went down in a heavy sea last night, eight miles south of Minot's light house. The lost are: Captain John H. Munsey and wife and the engineer and cook of the barge.

NINE PEOPLE'S HORRIBLE FATE

They are Burned to Death in a Burning Boat.

ONLY ONE AWAKED IN TIME

No Indictments Found For Death of Stewart Pierson.

JURY COULD NOT LEARN GUILTY

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 1.—Nine persons, whose names are unknown, occupying a "pull boat" on the river which runs between the Kansas and Alabama rivers, met a terrible fate early today, all being burned to death in a fire that destroyed the boat.

Sidney Wheat, a negro steward, was the only survivor of the ten men who lived on the boat. Wheat escaped death by being awake owing to illness. The cracking of burning timbers warned him in time, and he escaped just as the high structure of the boat collapsed.

A pull, or house boat, upon which the men were engaged in getting out logs from narrow places for rafting purposes, is constructed similar to a dredge boat. How the fire started is unknown.

HOW YOUNG PIERSON WAS KILLED IS NOT DOUBTFUL

Mount Vernon, Ohio, Dec. 1.—The Knox county grand jury reported today that they had failed to return any indictments against any members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, or any member of Kenyon college, in connection with the death of Stewart Pierson, who met a tragic death at Gambler, while being initiated into the college society. The jurors were of the opinion that Pierson was either tied upon the track or in such position that he could not extricate himself, but the guilty party or parties could not be determined.

ACADEMY OF SCIENCE MEETS IN CINCINNATI

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 1.—The Ohio Academy of Science opened its annual meeting here today. Their headquarters are at the Natural History Museum on Broadway. Prof. C. W. Dehney of the University is the vice president of the association, which has a large membership. The attendance at the meeting is unusually large.

DRINKS DISGUISED AS PATENT MEDICINES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Beginning with today, alcoholic beverages, masquerading as patent medicines, are placed under the ban of taxation. Every manufacturer of "remedies" containing a large percentage of alcohol, must pay a liquor dealer's tax. The new order, which is based upon a ruling of John W. Yorkes, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, will be carried out with strictness and the trade has been fully warned.

CUBAN ELECTIONS ARE SOMEWHAT STORMY

Havana, Dec. 1.—The general elections are held today in all parts of Cuba and excitement runs high everywhere. From all parts of the island disturbances in connection with the election are reported and in many instances there have been bloody conflicts between the opposing factions. Troops and rural guards were used in many towns to preserve order. A large number of disturbances occurred in this city and it is feared that the worst is not yet over.

MAINE BIRD OLOGISTS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Portland, Me., Dec. 1.—The tenth annual meeting of the Maine Ornithological Society opened this morning in the rooms of the Society of Natural History. The attendance is unusually large and an interesting session is expected. Many valuable papers will be read during the two days of the session.

HELD UP THREE DAYS BY FIERCE BLIZZARD

Minneapolis, Dec. 1.—Train No. 18, on the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie railroad, arrived here last night after being stalled for three days on the Dakota prairies, in a blizzard, with the temperature as low as 26 degrees below zero. The train was heavily loaded with passengers, but the cars were warm and as food was sent from a nearby station they did not suffer except from the delay.

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NEW MEXICO'S NEXT GOVERNOR

He Stands Squarely For Joint Statehood and Declares Same.

A FINE TIME AT BANQUET

Dakota Blizzard Reduces Temperature to 26 Below Zero.

DIDN'T INTEND HARMING SELF

Special to The Citizen.
Roswell, N. M., Dec. 1.—The Daily Record today published an interesting interview with Herbert J. Hagerman, New Mexico's next governor, who has declared himself for joint statehood for New Mexico and Arizona. The interview shows that Mr. Hagerman has thoroughly mastered the subject, and that personally as well as officially he is a great acquisition to the ranks of active joint statehood advocates.

JAPAN'S MINISTER TAKES SIX MONTHS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, has temporarily turned over the duties of his office to Eki Heki, the first secretary of the legation, who will be charged d'affaires during the absence of the minister. Mr. Takahira, who has been on duty steadily for several years, has obtained six months' leave and will go to Japan on a visit. There is a strong belief that Mr. Takahira will soon be transferred to St. Petersburg or some other important European post, in recognition of his successful work in Washington. It is also believed probable that he may become the first ambassador of Japan to the United States.

SEATTLE SHINGLE MILLS HAVE CLOSED DOWN

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 1.—In accordance with an agreement signed by the owners of all the straight shingle mills of the Ballard district work in all these mills was stopped today and the mills will remain closed until March 1, 1906. This action was taken on account of the congested condition of the shingle market.

PREFERENCE GIVEN ON BRITISH GOODS

Capetown, Dec. 1.—Beginning with today Northeastern Rhodesia forms part of the South African Customs Union, with the same status as Basutoland and the Bechuanaland protectorate. One effect of this will be the Customs House preference on British goods by this territory. It has also been announced that articles 14 and 15 of the customs convention will apply to Northeastern Rhodesia. These articles contain technical provisions which were inserted to meet the requirements of Southern Rhodesia.

BY PHONE FARMERS GET WEATHER FORECAST

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 1.—The farmers in this district, which comprises Western Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire and Vermont, will be supplied with a weather forecast every day, free of charge, provided they have telephones in their houses. The first service was sent out at 10 o'clock this morning. Promptly at that hour a general signal was given to all telephones of the circuit, and thirty seconds later the operator in the central office read the forecast in the receiver at headquarters. The forecast will be sent out every day at the same time, and it is expected that all farmers, having telephones, will avail themselves of that opportunity to receive the official forecast.

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